

25X1A      An item worthy of note has been the support given by several members of the Congress to particular operational activities. In particular, support has been forthcoming for the Committee for [REDACTED]. Additional support has been forthcoming through the media of having defectors testify before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and the House Select Committee on Communist Aggression.

#### 6. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR 84th CONGRESS.

It should be noted that plans for liaison with the 84th Congress include a legislative program which will supply certain career benefits to CIA. While the Agency Career Service Program can in large measure be established without further specific Congressional authorizations, there are certain elements of that program which require legislative sanction. These items include authority for limited medical benefits for dependents of CIA employees abroad; death gratuities to a dependent relative of a CIA employee; an allowance for defraying partially the excess costs of education for dependent children of employees while stationed overseas; liberalization of the age and service credit requirements for Civil Service retirement; extension to CIA employees of the statutory home leave benefits now authorized for personnel of the Foreign Service; and support of permanent legislation involving missing persons.

Legislation may also be sought to increase the salaries of the Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, and perhaps six senior Agency officials. The Director presently receives \$16,000 per annum and the Deputy Director receives \$14,800 per annum, both by statute. The other six senior officials are compensated at Grade GS-18 (\$14,800 per annum).

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## **MEMORANDUM OF ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS**

**SUBJECT:**       **Organization and Function of the Office of the  
Legislative Counsel of the Central Intelligence  
Agency.**

- 1. MISSION.** Maintain liaison with the Congress, its individual members, its various committees, and their staffs. Study and recommend, in terms of present laws and proposed legislation, Agency action in connection with the interpretation or enactment of legislation in order to preserve or attain legislative requirements of the Agency.
- 2. ASSUMPTIONS.**
  - a.** CIA relations with the Congress must be without regard to partisan politics.
  - b.** The Congress has a right to inform itself on CIA and its operations in accordance with the appropriate needs of the legislative branch of the Government in a manner compatible with law and the Agency's security requirements.
  - c.** CIA has certain unique problems arising out of the requirements of operational security and the statutory mandate to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure.

### **3. ORGANIZATION.**

The relations with the Congress cover many fields of legislative activity and require Agency determinations on matters of policy, law, administration, and operation. The CIA legislative liaison function is placed in the Office of the General Counsel for administrative purposes. The Legislative Counsel reports on all Congressional matters to the Inspector General, who is responsible for keeping the

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Director advised and obtaining guidance from him, as the Inspector General attends the Director's morning staff meetings and is thoroughly cognizant of both the administrative and operational aspects of the Agency. The work of legislative counsel is handled by the Legislative Counsel, one administrative assistant, and one secretary.

#### 4. FUNCTIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL.

The work breaks down into the following main divisions:

- a. The study of legislation introduced into the Congress, which in any way might affect CIA. This includes both public and private bills (see Tab A);
- b. Maintaining liaison with the Committees of the Congress, including the furnishing of appropriate information to these committees (see Tab B);
- c. Arranging for the briefings and debriefings of individual members of the Congress, as well as meetings with members on Agency matters (see Tab C);
- d. Initial handling of personnel applications and questions forwarded by members of the Congress and their staffs (see Tab D); and
- e. Study of the Congressional Record and other Congressional publications to keep abreast of the latest Congressional developments which might have an impact upon CIA and its activities.

#### 5. MAJOR PROBLEMS DURING THE 83rd CONGRESS.

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Major problems have arisen, first in connection with the [REDACTED] case, second with the activities of the McCarthy Subcommittee, and third with the proposals to establish a Joint Congressional Committee on Central Intelligence. Lesser problems were generated by the activities of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in looking into the backgrounds of certain members of the staffs of [REDACTED].

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